



Updates & News

Fallin Primary School

Newsletter Oct 2014

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Parents' Evening

This term's parents' evening is on Thursday 23rd October. All appointment times have been given out. If you cannot attend please let us know.

P1B and P2/1A parents who attended Off the Page event in September- Natalie Brown will display photos from the day and will seek your views during parents' evening.

Mrs McAllister will also be there and will have all of the Christmas card designs on view for orders (see separate letter)



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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/FallinPrimary>



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Scottish Poppy Appeal

At assembly on Wednesday morning Mr Colin Muirhead, our new janitor was formally introduced to staff and children. We are delighted that he has come to join our team at Fallin. We know that you will extend a warm welcome to him.

House System

From August to October **Forth** house accumulated the most house points making them the worthy recipients of the end of term house prize.

Every member of **Forth** took part in the disco and dance mats on Thursday 9th October. Fun was had by all.

Who will win in December we wonder?

If you see a child wearing this badge, they are a High Point Earner in the class and you should remember to say 'well done' to them.



An accident waiting to happen

The car park remains a source of concern to us all. The particular problem arises around 9am and 3pm daily. Please refrain from bringing vehicles into the car park unless it is **absolutely necessary**. Service vehicles delivering provisions including taxis dropping off and picking up children are finding it increasingly difficult to access the school. If you need to park please only park in DESIGNATED BAYS.



Communicable Diseases

As we approach the winter months we like to remind you of the times when children should not attend school and medical advice should be sought

Diarrhoea- Two or more loose stools within 24 hours- diarrhoeal illnesses spread easily amongst young children. If parents keep children with diarrhoea at home until they have had at least one normal stool, all children will get diarrhoea less often.

Vomiting- keep children off for at least 24 hours after last being sick to avoid spreading amongst others.

Persistent and strange sounding cough or sore throat—(or trouble swallowing)

Yellowish skin or eyes- Jaundice

Headache and stiff neck- Particularly if your child is irritable and generally unwell

"Pinkeye"- Eyes may be sore and sticky

Unusual spots or rashes

Infected skin patches

Severe itching- Body or scalp (except for eczema or psoriasis).

Free School Meals P1-3

In January all children in P1-3 in Scottish state schools will receive free school meals. Fallin Primary has been chosen to pilot this as of Monday 27th of October for three weeks. All P1-3 children will get a FREE meal at lunch time. Please encourage your child to try a school meal if they don't already do so. Menus are available on The Source at http://www.stirling.gov.uk/__documents/temporary-uploads/assets-_and_-support/primary-menu_all-pages.pdf or from the school office.



P4-7 Dinner Money

Dinner money should be paid on the day of purchase. Our till system means that we are unable to process meal orders if children/ parents owe money. This can lead to a delay in receiving lunch.

Parental Involvement

We try to involve as many parents as we can in school activities. There are many ways in which you can become involved in your child's learning. Homework; Attendance at meetings; Volunteering; Parent Council.

If you are interested in any of the above and feel that you need further information please do not hesitate to call the school office to make an appointment. Just say what it is you are interested in and Mrs Strachan will make a suitable appointment.

Road Safety

Please remind your children about crossing roads safely, practice the Green Cross Code with them and encourage proper use of the Toucan Crossings on Stirling Road.



Help to pay for school meals P4-7

Families on a low income or who receive income support, family credit or income-based jobseekers allowance may be entitled to free school meals.

Free school meals application forms can be made at any time during the year and free meals will be provided from the date the application is approved. Application forms can be downloaded from Stirling Council website or picked up from the school.

<http://www.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/schools-general-information/schools-catering>

Meetings

It is very important that you attend any meetings set up to discuss attendance, behaviour or learning. The school works most effectively if we are in partnership with parents. Children should see that everyone is working together to improve outcomes for our children. If you are invited to school and cannot attend please telephone or call into the school office to alert us and arrange a mutual suitable date/time.

Failure to attend meetings does not send the right messages to children and can lead to interventions by other agencies.

Scottish Poppy Appeal

This year P7 children will be selling poppies for The Scottish Poppy Appeal. Children can bring donations to school during the week beginning 3rd November.



Staff Development Days

The school will be closed to children on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November for staff training.

This year we will be working on the priorities set out in our School Improvement Plan. The additional day, on Wednesday, has been awarded by the Scottish Government to allow all schools to work on development of Curriculum for Excellence.

Holiday

School will close for the holidays on Friday 19th December at 1pm and will re-open at 9am on Monday 5th January.